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SUBJ: GREEK PRESS HIGHLIGHTS REPORTED DELIVERY OF MESSAGE TO ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS FROM THE SECRETARY

- 1. THE GREEK PRESS ON OCTOBER 30 GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE MEETING OF AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD WITH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS ON OCTOBER 28, DURING WHICH, ALL PAPERS GENERALLY AGREE, THE AMBASSADOR DELIVERED A MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER CONCERNING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.
- 2. THE PRESS SPECULATES OVER THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER WITH THE CONSENSUS EMERGING THAT IT PROBABLY CONTAINED PROPOSALS BY THE TURKISH SIDE FOR A "STEP-BY-STEP SOLUTION" OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM INCLUDING THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. SOME REPORTS SUGGESTED THAT THE TURKS WOULD AGREE TO MAKE CERTAIN WITHDRAWALS FROM TERRITORY THEY NOW HOLD (A FIGURE OF THREE PERCENT IS MENTIONED IN SEVERAL PAPERS) INCLUDING PERHAPS PART OF THE NEW CITY OF FAMAGUSTA. THE REPORTS ALSO SUGGEST THAT A CHIEF GOAL OF THE SECRETARY'S "INITIATIVE" IS TO PREVENT THE DISCUSSION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

- 3. MOST REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO THE REPORTED MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY AND HAS MAINTAINED A RESERVED POSITION ON IT. HOWEVER, PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYNI THIS AFTERNOON IN A STORY DATELINED NICOSIA REPORTS THAT INFORMATION CIRCULATING LATE LAST NIGHT INDICATES THAT, WHILE NOT CATEGORICALLY REJECTING THE CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE, THE ARCHBISHOP TOLD AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD THAT HE WAS UNABLE AT PRESENT TO ENTER INTO ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF ANY PROPOSAL WHICH VARIES FROM THE SUBSTANCE AND CONTENT OF THE RELATED UN RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS. A FEW OTHER PAPERS SPECULATE AT THE SAME TIME THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MAY NOW BEGIN A DIPLOMATIC "SHUTTLE" BETWEEN ATHENS, ANKARA AND NICOSIA.
- 4. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS SAID IT WOULD MAKE NO COMMENT ON THESE PRESS REPORTS, AND ASSERTED THAT IF SUCH A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY DOES EXIST, "IT IS THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS WHICH WOULD BE THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY TO COMMENT ON IT".
- 5. REPRESENTATIVE PRESS HEADLINES FOLLOW: ACROPOLIS (CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOVERNMENT), "KISSINGER MESSAGE TO MAKARIOS SEEKS AGREEMENT ON RESUMPTION OF TALKS: NICOSIA IS RESERVED"; KATHIMERINI (INDEPENDENT, PRO-GOVERNMENT), "A NEW MEDIATION ATTEMPT BY KISSINGER: CONTACTS AT HIGH LEVEL FOR SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM"; APOYEVMATINI (CONSERVATIVE, PRO-GOVERNMENT), "A KISSINGER FORMULA FOR CYPRUS"; TA NEA (LIBERAL, OPPOSITION), "BY HIS MESSAGE, KISSINGER PATRONIZES TURKISH VIEWPOINTS: HE DESIRES TO AVOID THE UN"; ATHINAIKI (LEFT-OF-CENTER, PRO-PASOK), "KISSINGER ULTIMATUM TO GREECE AND CYPRUS: CRITICAL HOURS"; VRADYNI (PRO-GOVERNMENT), "REPLY BY MAKARIOS TO KISSINGER MESSAGE --SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM BUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UN RESOLUTIONS". KUBISCH

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